Question for written answer E-002929/2023 to the Commission

Rule 138

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Subject: Making a spectacle of people with achondroplasia

The Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities expressed concern in 2019 about the image conveyed when people with achondroplasia participate in bullfighting events. Various NGOs have warned of the humiliation and mockery that comes with participating in such activities. Spain has adopted legal provisions to avoid these situations, but such events continue to take place.

In recent months, events of this kind have taken place in Teruel (Aragon) and Casinos (Valencia), descending into public mockery. They took place despite complaints from associations and disability groups, who warned of people being mocked because of their physical condition. Other events have been suspended or banned, although they had permission from the regional authorities to go ahead (as was the case in Ariza).

Considering all of this:

- 1. Does the Commission believe that these events are in line with the Strategy for the Rights of Persons with Disabilities 2021-2030?
- 2. What is the Commission's view of these events, in which a laughing stock is made of part of the population due to their particular physical condition?
- 3. Will the Commission be recommending that additional measures be adopted to prevent discrimination against and the humiliation and mockery of persons with disabilities and stop them from being made into a spectacle?

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